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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, JUNE 11

1. NYT (PAGE 4) HEADLINE "US SAYS SOVIET STORES MISSILES AT SOMALIA BASE." DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER SAID USSR HAD BEEN STORING ANTISHIP MISSILES AT A LARGE NEW FACILITY AT BERBERA TO SUPPORT AIR AND NAVAL OPERATIONS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN; SHOWED RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN LAST APRIL. WAS TESTIFYING ON NEED FOR US FACILITY IN DIEGO GARCIA. ASSERTED MOST COUNTRIES WHICH PUBLICLY OPPOSED US BASE WERE MAKING IT CLEAR PRIVATELY THEY WANTED U.S. TO MAINTAIN MILITARY BALANCE WITH USSR IN THE REGION (ALL PAPERS).

2. SUN (PAGE 2) HEADLINE "MOSCOW WANTS NO DELAY OF D.C. AUTUMN SUMMIT" BY MICHAEL PARKS. USSR, UNCERTAIN ABOUT AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO DETENTE, SEEMS DETERMINED TO PUSH FOR SUMMIT MEETING IN WASHINGTON AS EARLY THIS AUTUMN AS

POSSIBLE. ALSO REFERS TO LENGTHY ARTICLE IN PRAVDA
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INDICATING SOVIET CONCERN DEBATE OVER DETENTE IN U.S.

3. SUN (PAGE 2) BRIEF ITEM "BREZHNEV ENDS SECOND ABSENCE."

4. WSJ (PAGE 32) ARTICLE HEADLINE "EUROPE FEARS GROWING SOVIET SUBMARINE FLEET POSES FUTURE THREAT TO NORTH SEA OIL SUPPLY - NATO'S NEW NEMESIS," BY NEIL ULMAN,

DATELINED KEFLAVIK, ICELAND. OIL PLATFORMS AND SOVIET SUBS ARE CREATING A NEW DEFENSE PROBLEM FOR NATO - PROBLEM OF HOW TO DEFEND NORTH SEA OIL SUPPLY FROM THE FAST EXPANDING SOVIET NAVY.

5. CSM (PAGE 19) ARTICLE HEADLINE "SOVIET 'LIBERALISM' FADES IN NEW CALLS FOR DETENTE," BY PAUL WOHL. AS MOSCOW CALLS FOR INCREASED EAST-WEST DETENTE, LAST SHREDS OF "LIBERALISM" ARE DISAPPEARING FROM THE FABRIC

OF SOVIET LIFE; PROMINENT REAPPEARANCE OF STALIN'S NAME COINCIDES WITH REPORTS OF STEPPED-UP ACTIVITY OF KGB. KISSINGER

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